

### **Amendments to the Specification**

**Please amend the specification as follows.**

**Please amend paragraph [0027], at page 10, as follows:**

[0027] To attain the above object, the invention of claim 1 is directed to a method for preventing elution of nickel from a wetted instrument made of copper alloy and plated with a material containing nickel, comprising applying a protective film formation agent to a surface of a nickel coat that wraps around and adheres to at least a wetted surface of the wetted instrument to form a protective film, thereby suppressing the elution of the nickel.

**Please amend paragraph [0029], at page 10, as follows:**

[0029] The invention of claim 3 relates to the method for preventing elution of nickel from a wetted instrument made of copper alloy, wherein the protective film comprises two layers of or an appropriate composite layer of benzotriazole and organic acids including ~~a-carboxylic~~ straight-chain fatty acid that constitute the protective film formation agent.

**Please amend paragraph [0042], at page 13, as follows:**

[0042] According to the invention of claim 3, the protective film can comprise two layers of or an appropriate composite layer of benzotriazole and organic acids including ~~a-carboxylic~~ straight-chain fatty acid that constitute the protective film formation agent. Thus, a further impregnable protective film can be materialized to enable the elution of nickel from a member over the protective film to be prevented infallibly.